

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
August 14, 2017**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 14, 2017 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG & PRAYER:** The Prayer was said by Clerk McKinney.

**ROLL CALL:** Present on Roll Call was Councilmembers Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, and Mayor Olson. Absent: Bearrows. A quorum of six was present. Also present were Acting City Manager Messer and City Clerk McKinney.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC:**

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor: None

Council: None.

Introduction of Sarah Brooks and Dwayne Rangel.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY.** Carolyn Cryer spoke on Sidewalks and speed limits on Rt. 38.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**1) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:**

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – July 24, 2017
  - b) Approve Minutes of Special City Council Meeting – July 31, 2017
  - c) Accept and Place on File Minutes of Utility Advisory Board January 18, 2017, March 15, 2017 and May 17, 2017
  - d) Accept and Place on File Minutes of Railroad Advisory Board – 1/22/15, 1/24/14, 4/27/17
  - e) Approve Bills – 8/8/17
  - f) Approve Exceptions – 07/19/17-08/07/17
  - g) Approve Payroll – 7/17/17-7/30/17
  - h) Approve Mayor Olson Expense Report – 07/20/17 – 07/22/17
  - i) Approve Kiwanis Club and Golden K Request to Hold the Annual Peanut Day– September 9, 2017
  - j) Authorize the use of City Streets for the Rochelle Middle School Color Run – September 23, 2017
  - k) Establish Annual Trick-or-Treat Schedule October 31, 2017 from 5:00pm-8:00pm
- Motion made by Councilor Shaw-Dickey and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, "**I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (k) be approved by Omnibus Vote as recommended.**" Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

- 2) **Resolution Establishing Security Light Rates Effective 01/01/18.** Staff has reviewed the rates for rental (security lighting) and comparisons have been made with other utilities in Illinois, both investor owned and municipals. RMU rates were found to be some of the lowest. These findings were presented to the UAB. The entire UAB recommended the rate changes and policy changes found in the resolution document. A formula rate was used to figure the energy cost. The formula rate is used by other utilities such as Com Ed, Ameren and Mid America. This formula rate is a standard in the industry. Once the energy cost is done, an additional infrastructure needed such as poles and wires, industry standards are to double the cost for that extra infrastructure.

Current rates are:	Proposed rates
Without pole per <250 Watt Light 6.40	9.02
Without pole 250+ Wall light 7.65	9.02
With Pole Per <250 Watt Light 7.65	18.05
With Pole Per 250+ 11.63	18.05

There are currently 365 customers who have a rental (security lighting).

The new rate would go into place January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

After January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, RMU will only maintain the rental lights (security lights) for current customers. No additional rental lights will be installed by RMU. Jason Bird was present to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Burke, **"I move Resolution R17-06, a resolution establishing a utility services price schedule for certain electric rates, be approved"** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

- 3) **Purchase of Insulators – Steward Road Transmission Line.** Due to long lead times, it is best for RMU to order some materials directly rather than through the selected contractor. The Bid for the contracting work is going out soon but after receiving the lead times of the insulators staff felt the insulators would better ordered directly by RMU. We received four quotes and based on recommendation of BHMG the only insulator that meets the specification would be Hubbell insulator. Jason Bird was present to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor Shaw-Dickey and seconded by Councilor Hayes, **"I move the Council approve the purchase of the Hubbell insulators from Anixter, for the price of \$53,669.94, and reject all other bids."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.
- 4) **Ordinance Approving Temporary Construction and Permanent Utility Easement Agreement with Flagg Rochelle Park District – Well 11.** Well 11, located on Flagg road is a main supply well that has been taken out of service due to radium exceedances. With this occurrence, the City of Rochelle entered into a compliance commitment agreement with the Illinois EPA which requires the City to construct a radium removal plant for that well. In order to construct the radium removal plant we will need to cross the Park District bike path to run utilities and a permanent access road. Since we will be starting construction late summer, the park district may have to delay work that was scheduled this year on that section of the path. We agreed that if we do delay that section and they are forced to rebid next year, we will cover any additional costs for that section. Adam Lanning was present to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor Burke and seconded by Councilor Hayes, **"I move Ordinance 17-4717, an Ordinance Approving a Utility Easement Agreement with the Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

- 5) **Engineering Agreement Willett Hofmann - Design of Well House at Well 10.** Well 10, located on Southview Drive is a main supply well that is in need of major rehabilitation. The existing well building is beyond repair along with all of the equipment and needs to be replaced. This agreement will allow WHA to design a new building with the option of adding filtration equipment in the future if changes in water quality were to occur. Once the construction is complete the existing building will be torn down. The engineering estimate for the new building and equipment is \$850,000 and would be funded with local cash reserves next year. The design work will not get started until the end of this calendar year and money will be budgeted for this design at that time. Adam Lanning was present to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Burke, **"I move Agreement 17-4718, an engineering agreement with Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc. for the design of a well house at Well 10, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.
- 6) **Ordinance Approving Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax Rate Change.** The City Council passed Ordinance 07-3604 on September 10, 2007 to increase the Simplified Municipal Telecommunication Tax from 3% to 5%. The 5% which added to the State of Illinois 7% equals the current rate of 12% included on Rochelle customer phone bills. The maximum total rate is 13%. An additional 1% to the City will increase revenue in the General Fund approximately \$53,000 per year or \$4,400 per month. A certificated copy of the approved ordinance increasing the rate must be filed with the Illinois Department of Revenue by September 20, 2017. The rate change would be effective January 1, 2018. Chris Cardott was present to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Burke, **"I move Ordinance 17-4719, an ordinance modifying the Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax rate, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.
- 7) **Purchase of Police Vehicles.** Units 4, 5, and 15 have high mileage and need to be replaced. Unit 4 (2011) has 121,000 miles, Unit 5 (2011) has 123,000 miles, and unit 15 (2010) has 106,000 miles. One 2018 Dodge Ram Crew 1500 Police Service 4X4 pickup and two 2018 Dodge Chargers are slated to be purchased. The Ram will be utilized for transportation of the portable scales that are used for truck enforcement. The state bid price (including options) for the Charger is \$24,279. The state bid price (including options) for the Ram pickup is \$31,093. Prescott Ford has entered a bid for the Ram with the same options that came in at \$32,068, which is \$975.00 more expensive than the state bid. Prescott also entered a bid for the Charger, which came in at \$26,108, which is \$1,829 (per car) more expensive. If the purchase is made from the state bid holder Thomas Dodge, the cars will have to be picked up in Highland, Indiana as they do not deliver. Chief Higby was present to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Burke, **"I move the Council approve the purchase of one 2018 Dodge Ram Charger Crew 1500 Police Service 4x4 pickup at a cost of \$32,068, and two 2018 Dodge Chargers at a cost \$26,108 each, from Prescott Brothers, Inc., and reject all other bids."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Hayes, , Shaw Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: D. McDermott, T. McDermott.. Motion passed 4-2.

8) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:56 pm Councilor D. McDermott moved and seconded by Councilor Burke, "**I Move the Council recess into Executive Session to discuss: the (appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, walnuts and or dismissal) of specific employees. Section (c) (1); purchase or lease of retail property for city. Section (c) (5); and pending or imminent litigation. Section (c) (11).**" Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Bearrows, Burke, Hayes, T. McDermott, Shaw Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

At 8:35 p.m., Moved by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Burke, "**I move the Council return to open session.**" Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:65 PM, moved by Counselor D. McDermott and seconded by Counselor Shaw-Dickey. **I move the Council adjourn.**" Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.



Chet Olson, Mayor



Bruce W. McKinney, CMC  
City Clerk, City of Rochelle